

# Introduction of 2016 Budget

by  
the Millstone Township Board of  
Fire Commissioners

Millstone  
Township Fire  
District #1

February 3, 2016



# Mission Statement

“It is the mission of the Board of Fire Commissioners to provide fire protection, fire prevention, and emergency response services to all citizens and property located in Millstone Township. Through incident response, public education, and code enforcement, we will provide the residents of Millstone Township with the highest quality of service possible consistent with the prudent utilization of public funds. We are dedicated to respect, integrity, leadership, and accountability amongst ourselves to insure that our career and volunteer firefighters are properly trained and equipped to serve our community.”



# Presentation Agenda

- History of Fire District
- Station Staffing And Equipment
- Accomplishments of 2015
- Challenges for 2016
- 2016 Budget Summary
- Questions & Answers





# Proudly Serving Millstone For Over 75 Years!

1938 - Millstone Township Fire Department  
is Founded



1941- New Firehouse is Constructed (which  
is now Community Center)



# A History of Service

1977 - Current Firehouse is Constructed



1979 - Fire District #1 is Established



# Proudly Serving for Over 75 Years!

1999 - First Career Firefighters Hired





# Station 32-1

- 9 Full-Time Career Firefighters & Officers (9) \*Comparison Figures from 2015
- 23 Active Volunteer Firefighters & Officers (21)
- Supported by:
  - 2 - Probationary Firefighters (8)
  - 1 - Fire Police (1)
  - 25 - Ladies Auxiliary (25)
  - 6 - Junior Firefighters (8)



# Station 32-1

- 32-74 1997 International Engine
- 32-75 2008 Pierce Engine
- 32-85 1993 International Rescue Truck
- 32-90 2000 American LaFrance Tele-Squirt
- 32-94 1991 Dodge Ram 350 Brush Truck
- 32-95 2001 International Tanker (2000 gal.)
- 32-96 1990 Mack Engine and Tank Trailer  
(6000 gal.)

Plus a complement of 3 command/utility vehicles and DECON trailer.





# Accomplishments of 2015

726 Total Incidents (748)

29 Structure Fires (29)

100 Mutual Aid Responses for  
Neighboring Communities (82)



Training Drill - November 12, 2015



Mutual Aid to Upper Freehold  
December 1, 2015







April 13, 2015





# Accomplishments of 2015

126 Motor Vehicle Accident Calls (106)

- 13 Requiring Extrication (9)
- 17 Vehicle Fires (9)



Route 195





Indian Path Road







Baird Road







Stagecoach Road







Route 537







## Anderson Court





# Accomplishments of 2015

- 277 EMS Assists Under First Responder Program (247)
- 5 Medivac Helicopter Landing Zone Assistance (3)
- 2 CPR Saves
- 5 Successful Uses of Narcan
- 1 Successful Use of EpiPen



# Accomplishments for 2015

- 21 Power Lines Down/Electrical (36)
- 10 Brush Fires (4)
- 10 CO Detector Activations (2 calls with high readings) (21)
- 17 HazMat Incidents (14)





# Training and Drills for 2015

2079 Hours for Drills/Preparedness

1019 Hours for Classes/Training

3098 Total Hours



Mass Casualty Drill –  
March 28, 2015





# Accomplishments of 2015

## Fire Prevention and Safety Activities

400 Fire Inspections

107 Smoke Detector Compliance Inspections

6 Fire Investigations

20 Station Tours/Public Education Programs

- CPR Training for Township Employees and Recreation Department
- Free Home Fire Prevention and Inspection Program
- Free Barn Fire Prevention and Inspection Program



# Community Outreach

- Fire Prevention Week Programs at Schools
- Fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Halloween Parade
- Holiday Tree Lighting





# Accomplishments of 2015

- Junior Firefighters Auxiliary Program
- Operation Santa
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- MOMS Club of Millstone Township
- Sponsorship of Little League



# Challenges for 2016

- Increased Operational Costs
  - Administration
  - Salaries
  - Pension Contributions
  - Misc. Operating Expenses
  - Purchase of New Dual Band Radios (\$115,000)





# Summary

Total Budget for 2016: \$1,993,000  
\$174,950 More Than Requested in 2015  
(\$1,818,050)

## One Question on the Ballot:

Amount to be Raised by Taxes - \$1,737,100  
\$14,950 More Than Requested in 2015  
(\$1,722,150)



# Summary

Proposed Local Fire Tax Rate – \$.1001  
per \$100 of Assessed Value (\$.1095)

## No Increase in the Tax Rate

Tax Rate Flat Due To:

- Utilization of \$95,000 of surplus from 2015 budget.(\$50,000)
- Use of \$115,000 from Capital Reserve for purchase of new radios
- Increase in property valuations





# Benefits to Millstone Township

- Fiscal Responsibility & Stability
- Continued Fire Protection and Public Safety Services to Meet the Needs of Millstone Township
- Improvements in Emergency Response, Protective Equipment, and Training



# If the Budget Does Not Pass.....

- Lack of Necessary Equipment and Supplies
- Reduced Training and Preparedness
- Deferred Maintenance Leading to Reliability Issues
- Service/Firefighter Reductions
- Difficulties with Volunteer Recruitment and Retention
- Longer Response Times
- Higher Insurance Rates





# Budget Vote and Commissioner Election

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2:00 PM to 9:00PM

at the Clarksburg Firehouse

461 Stagecoach Road

[www.mtbofc.com](http://www.mtbofc.com)

or

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Questions and Answers

